



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
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Dear Owner:

HUD has launched a new initiative under the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) to help Public Housing Agencies, Owners, and Management Agents (POAs) detect and deter abuse of rental assistance programs. This initiative uses computer matching income verification (CMIV) to match Federal tax information to income data provided to HUD by POAs. REAC then issues discrepancy notifications to POAs alerting them that potential income discrepancies exist for certain tenants and asks POAs to determine if discrepancies are valid. POAs subsequently report their discrepancy resolution results to REAC. This information will help POAs detect abuses in rental assistance programs and will assist HUD in targeting areas for rental assistance program improvement. CMIV will also assist HUD to insure that eligible individuals or families have received rental assistance at the appropriate level.

To prepare POAs for their important role in CMIV discrepancy resolution, HUD will be conducting a training session via satellite June 26, 2000 at the Houston HUD Project Center Training Room. This training will be from 12:00 noon to 3:00PM CDT. This training session will be similar to the training session that was held March 14, and March 16, 2000 and is designed to provide POAs with a sufficient understand of the process involved to accurately perform discrepancy resolution activities. The presentation of course material during the training session consists of a case study to illustrate the discrepancy resolution process. A taped video segment describes the Internet status reporting application, which POAs are required to use when reporting the results of their discrepancy resolution activities to REAC.

At the end of the training session, POA participants will be able to:

- \* Review initial discrepancy notifications form HUD;
- \* Resolve discrepancies;
- \* Report status of resolution activities to REAC on a quarterly basis.

This broadcast is primarily targeted toward Owners, and Managing Agents involved with the following HUD rental assistance programs: Section 8 Project-Based, 202 and 811 Project Rental Assistance Contract and 202/162 Project Assistance Contracts. A draft of the POA Discrepnacy Resolution Guide (POA Guide), which details the CMIV discrepancy resolution activities, has been posted on the REAC Web site. Although it is not required, participants are encouraged to review the POA Guide prior to attending the training session.

There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions to the presenters during the training. Presenters will be members of the REAC Tenant Assessment Subsystem and a panel of representatives from the Office of Public and Indian Housing and the Office of Housing will be available to address attendees questions.

If you or any member of your management staff are interested in attending this ground breaking, important and informative training session you should contact Ms. Loretta Carter at 713-313-2274 extension 7081, at the Houston Project Center to ensure sitting availability. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

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